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ULC Submits Names For Council Choice

Duck Is Invited To Write Article For National Magazine

Column Appearing In Journal Receives Wide Attention

Edward Duck, whose interesting columns dealing with music in industry appeared in The Toledo Union Journal December 3 and 10, has been invited to prepare an article for the March issue of EDUCATION, nationally known magazine for colleges, universities, and conservatories, it was made known early this week.

The text of the letter from Dr. Lloyd F. Sunderman, Director of The Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music, Indianapolis, affiliated with Butler University, follows:

Dec. 22, 1948.

"Dear Mr. Duck:

"Mr. Palmer, Managing Editor of Education, has brought to my attention your article which was published in the Toledo Union Journal of Friday, December 3.

"As Editor of the music issue for the March issue of EDUCATION, which will be a number devoted to music, I would be delighted to include an article of 1000 words devoted to some phase of industry and music. I am intrigued by the statistical and research evidence which you have presented in the article which came to my desk. Would it be possible for you to send within a week or ten days such an article?

"The March issue of EDUCATION will be devoted exculsively to music and in the number will be found many contributions by outstanding leaders in the field of music education.

"Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I remain

"Cordially yours,

"(Signed) Lloyd F. Sunderman,
"Director."

Tidelands Case Before Court

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Attorney General Tom Clark last week filed with the Supreme Court, asking the court to grant the federal government jurisdiction over the oil-rich tidelands off the Texas and Louisiana coasts. The court ruled last year that the California coastal lands belong to the federal government. The profit-happy oil lobby is fighting in Congress a bill that would guarantee the lands to the states, where they would not be under federal regulation.

CIO Backs U. S. On Indonesia

WASHINGTON (LPA) — CIO President Philip Murray last week commended Secretary of State Marshall for the US's attempt to halt Dutch aggression in Indonesia. Murray also announced that four CIO leaders are going to England next month to confer with British union chiefs on what strategy democratic unions should follow in the World Federation of Trade Unions when next they confront the pro-Soviet bloc there.

Duck Appointed Co-Op Drive Coordinator

Richard Gosser, International UAW-CIO Vice President, this week announced the transfer of Edward J. Duck, assistant director of the national Auto-Lite department, to the post of Region 2-B coordinator of consumers cooperatives, to become effective immediately.

The current drive for the establishment of the initial warehouse supermarket in Toledo will be accelerated, Gosser said, with Duck heading the campaign for stock subscriptions and individual memberships. Robert Pickus, of the Committee for Cooperative Development, will arrive sometime between January 6 and 10 to assist in arranging a series of week-end co-op fairs, to be held in various union halls of AFL, CIO, and other organizations with sufficient display space, Gosser stated.

Edward Duck

It is expected that the membership campaign drive will be completed before March. Membership is acquired through the purchase of a share of $25 Class A Common Stock, which entitles the member to receive patronage dividends based on the amount of his or her individual purchases over a given period. Such stock is redeemable, if necessary, and has a lifetime value.

Virgil Barnhart, Auto-Lite unit vice chairman, has been active in the cooperative movement and is presently a member of the Toledo Consumers Cooperative's executive board, serving as a vice president of the organization.

Many union organizations have been approached for support of the co-op, and have responded with donations averaging at least ten cents per member to cover organizational costs.

Tobin Tops Speakers List At CIO State Convention

Women's Auxiliaries Also Schedules Meetings To Be Held In Cleveland

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin tops the list of speakers at the 10th annual Convention of the Ohio C. I. O. Council to be held next month in Cleveland, President Jack Kroll announced today.

1200 Delegates Expected

Kroll said some 1200 delegates were expected to attend the four-day sessions, beginning January 13th at the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

Other speakers, who will be heard during the Convention are:

From National CIO — Vice President Allan Haywood, Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey and Council Director John Brophy.

From Ohio agricultural groups Murray Lincoln, President, Ohio Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, and Joseph W. Fitcher, Master of the Ohio State Grange.

Other Speakers

Other speakers include Will Blake of the Ohio Industrial Commission and William Roberts of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

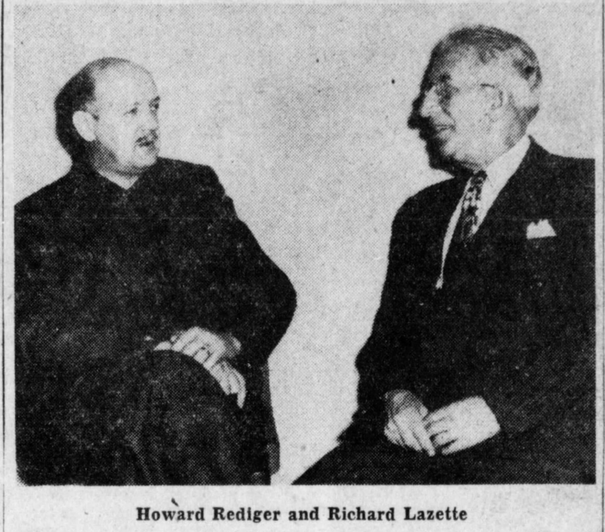
Meeting concurrently at the Hollenden Hotel will be the Ohio Council of CIO Women's Auxiliaries, which will be holding its 7th annual Convention. President Bertha Perrin of Warren will preside.

The Ohio CIO Council Executive Board, the Ohio CIO-PAC State Central Committee and Steering Committee, will hold special meetings in the Hollenden Hotel immediately prior to the Convention, Kroll said.

Emphasis at the annual Convention will be on political action and formalizing Ohio CIO's legislative program for 1949.

Election of officers for the coming year will be held on Saturday, January 15.

Secretary And President



Howard Rediger and Richard Lazette

Howard Rediger Elected New TIUC Executive Secretary

Richard Lazette Re-Elected To 6th Consecutive Term As President

Howard Rediger, director of the Local 12 Summer Camp Fund was elected without oppositpion executive secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council CIO Monday night at 611 Huron Street. He succeeds Thomas H. Burke, who will take up new duties in Washington as Congressman from the Ninth Ohio Congressional District.

Lazette In 6th Term

Richard Lazette, president of TIUC was re-elected to his sixth term also without opposition.

Serving as vice-president will be Cyril Babione of Local 346, Oil Workers Union. Joseph Mansor was elected recording secretary on a write in ballot. He succeeds Eleanor Coakley who will move to Washington as press secretary to Tom Burke. Mr. Mansor is from Auto-Lite Unit.

Baum Re-Elected

Henry Baum of Spicer Unit is retained as treasurer and Don Blair of Willys-Overland Unit remains as Attendance Secretary.

Joe Lohman of Spicer Unit will serve as Sergeant of Arms and Frank Gebhardt of Local 9, Glass Workers is assistant Sergeant of Arms.

Re-elected librarian is Gertrude Morony of the Office Workers Union and Eddie Roman, president of Local 706, Doehler Jarvis was named Trustee for a three year term.

Elected Board Members at Large are, William Duck, Frank Puskas, Albert Lindsay, John Grup, Jos. Shea, Lewis Mattox, Frank Lichter, Kyle Davis, Mike Karavida, John Weaver, Lawrence Dudley, Jack Blessing.

Gen. Clay Urged

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Gen. Clay, US Military Governor last week was urged by Rep. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) to take a more "positive and sympathetic" attitude toward organized labor in Western Germany. American union representatives who recently visited Clay were told that Clay was neutral—on the side of management. They thereupon asked Jackson, member of the House Appropriations Committee, to censure Clay.

Workers Decide In Chicken Coop

LEWISTON, Me. (LPA) — Chicken coops are the latest thing in polling places. Employes of the North American Phillips Co. electrical equipment manufacturers recently utilized one here because the company refused to permit the election to be held on company property. The workers decided 99 to 6 in favor of a union shop. Impartial observers at the election were several hens stationed on roosts who clucked occasionally during the balloting.

March Of Dimes Committee For 1949 Drive Announced

Tom Burke, Otto Brach Represent CIO-AFL Unions In Jan. Campaign

Committee appointments to the 1949 March of Dimes campaign in Lucas County were announced today by James F. Lewis, Jr., drive chairman. The campaign to raise money for care and treatment of polio sufferers, to build a national emergency fund and to finance research of the disease begins Jan. 14 and continues through Jan. 31.

Burke Appointed

Appointments are: John S. Yaryan, special gifts; Thomas H. Burke and Otto W. Brach, labor; E. L. Bowsher, Harold E. Ryder and Dr Thomas E. Mahoney, schools, and John Canelli, Virgil A Gladieux, Jack Senn, Eddie T. Jones and Dick McGeorge, sports.

Jack E. Lykes, Howard Feigley, Marvin S. Harris, Giles Robb and Abe Ludacher, theaters; Edwin A. Machen, W. B. Robison, Gerald J. Cullen, Leonard J. Langenderfer and Anne Shay, government employees, and George J. Baumgartner, street booths.

Women's Division

George D. Hawkins, mail; Mrs. Joseph B. Smith, chairman of the Women's Division assisted by Mrs. Leona Evans and Mrs. Ella P. Stewart with Mrs. H. P. Strater, state director of the Women's Division coordinating activities; Police Sergt. Howard M. Tripp, coin collectors and window posters, and Mrs. William Kent Fenton, headquarters.

Village chairmen are: George Bender, Sylvania; Sylvester E. Klewer, Maumee and Waterville and Webster Studer, Whitehouse.

Noon-Time Services At Trinity Church

Annual Lenten Services Begin Ash Wednesday

J. D. Lindower, chairman of the Department on Evangelism and Interchurch Relations, announced that the Committee on the Week Prayer, headed by Rev. Charles R. Kempton, will initiate week of Prayer noontime services in the Chapel of Trinity Episcopal Church Monday, Jan. 3 through Friday, Jan. 7. Entrance will be at the St. Clair Street side.

The half hour service will begin at 12 noon and close promptly at 12:30.

The speakers and subjects will be Monday, Rev. Arthur W. Hargate, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church speaking on "Finding the Wholeness of Life Through the Holy Spirit;" Tuesday, Dr. John R. Cheney, Pastor of Monroe Methodist Church on "The Christian's Assurance;", Wednesday, Dr. R. Lincoln Long on "Learning to Pray in the Spirit;" Thursday, Rev. James Boitnott, Pastor of the First Church of the Brethren on "Releasing Spiritual Energies for an Atomic Age;" Friday, Rev. Elliott Mason, Pastor of Third Baptist Church on "The Compulsion to Witness."

This is the first year that these downtown noontime Week of Prayer services have been conducted by the Council of Churches. The annual noon-time Lenten Services will be held under the auspices of the Council of Churches at "Old Trinity" beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2nd.

ONE-STOP SERVICE

When making your monthly visit to Local 12 Hall to pay your union dues why not take advantage of the services offered to Local 12 members.

At the Local Dues Window You Can Pay Your Bills For

Water - Electric - Gas - Telephone

This agency was established for the convenience of members.

Time your dues payments with other bills and make Local 12 your one stop agency for your bills.

Childrens Show Schedules Two Performances

Free Movies Will Include Saturday Afternoon Shows

The large attendance at the Local 12 Children's Theatre has made it necessary to add another performance beginning Jan. 8 it was announced by Stanley Helminiak, Movie Director.

The shows held every Saturday are free to all boys and girls. The morning performance time will remain at 10:30 a. m. The afternoon show will begin at 1:30 p. m.

The special showing on Christmas Day attracted nearly 100 youngsters Mr. Helminiak said.

The show was complete with Santa Claus presenting gifts including candy.

Prizes given at the Christmas showing were donated by Bingham Stamping Unit of Local 12. The youngsters will have an added treat in the near future for movies were taken of all those present at the Christmas show. Mr. Helminiak said the showing will be held as soon as films have been returned from processing for the youngsters to see themselves in a movie.

1st Women's Region 2-B Forum Jan. 6

Series Of Eight Planned To Be Held At Local 12

The first of a series of eight Forums for Women of Region 2-B, will begin on Thursday, Jan. 6, it was announced this week by Evelyn Lawson, chairman of the Forum Committee.

The Forums will be held each Thursday beginning at 7:30 p. m. in Parlor H at Local 12 headquarters.

Jack Holt, a member of the International Educational Department, will preside. A guest speaker will be heard at each Forum.

The other members of the Women's Forum Committee appointed at the Women's Region 2-B Educational conference are Roberta Krohn, Myrtle Foxx and Lucille Muszynski.

8 Labor Candidates Listed For Vacant City Council Position

Selection To Succeed Burke Expected In Jan. By Vote Of Councilmen

The United Labor Committee which had delegates attending a City Council session last week asking the Councilmen to vote for a labor candidate recommended by the ULC took further steps to press their request by submitting a list of eight candidates as their choice for the council seat to be vacated by Tom Burke.

The selection was made by the strategy committee at a meeting Monday at Teamsters Hall on Adams St. It was decided to submit names of eight candidates to have assurance that City Council members will select a labor candidate for the vacant council seat. The selection of the eight candidates stemmed from the request of some councilmen who asked the ULC delegation to submit several names of their choice for the council post vacated Monday by Tom Burke who will take up his new duties in January in Washington as Congressman from the Ninth Ohio Congressional District.

In addition to the selection of candidates for consideration, and as logical choice of the ULC, the group voted to have Francis Hurd of the AFL and Orville Beemer of the CIO act as co-secretaries of the ULC. They will serve in that capacity temporarily until an election will be held in February, 1949.

Following the meeting the ULC publicity committee issued a statement including the list of candidates to all Toledo newspapers. The full text of the press release follows:

The strategy committee of the United Labor Committee of the Ninth Ohio Congressional District released the following statement after meeting Monday afternoon in the Teamsters' Hall, Adams Street:

"The ULC, representing an overwhelming majority of the organized labor movement in this community, has contended from the very beginning, and does now so contend, that Congressman-elect Thomas H. Burke was a labor representative in City Council. Therefore, it is only proper that the post he has vacated should be filled by a representatives of organized labor. This is in keeping with the political traditions governing all such appointments in our democratic way of life.

"We call attention to the fact that when Michael DiSalle, Lloyd Roulet, Jerome Jesionowski and others were named to the mayorality or vice-mayorship their appointments were not questioned. Their respective parties held the necessary majority in City Council. Why then, should anyone now question the propriety of selecting a labor man to fill the vacancy now existing?

"Bearing this in mind, and recognizing the necessity of a labor representative serving not only those who elected him, but rather being a faithful servant of the entire community, we submit to City Council the following candidates whom we believe possess more than the required amount of integrity, character, and intelligence needed for the position of City Councilman:

"Franz Berlacher, Thomas C. Griffith, Richard Lazette, Earl Caton, Raymond Wale, Peter Zvara, Harry Card, Carl A. Benson."

Lavelle Named To National CIO Post By Phillip Murray

Jacob Clayman Appointed New Ohio CIO Council Sec.-Treas.

COLUMBUS, OHIO — William Lavelle, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio CIO Council will become Assistant Director of the National CIO Legislative Department, President Jack Kroll announced today.

Kroll said Lavelle was going to National CIO at the direction of CIO President Philip Murray. Lavelle will be assistant to Nathan Cowan, Legislative Director of National CIO.

Clayman Appointed

The duties of Secretary-Treasurer will be assumed by Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Jacob Clayman, President Kroll said. Clayman will serve until the 10th Annual Convention of the CIO Council convenes January 13 in Cleveland.

William Lavelle

Lavelle, 38, has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio CIO Council since December 1, 1943. He is married to the former Lucretia C. Cameron, and makes his home with his wife and two children, William, Jr. and Edward, at 210 South Warren Ave., Columbus.

General Counsel

Active in the Labor movement since 1937, Lavelle has been a field representative for the United Steelworkers of America CIO, and general counsel for CIO in Ohio.

In December, 1942, he became Regional Labor Representative on the War Production Board with headquarters in Cleveland, a post he held until his election as Secretary-Treasurer of Ohio CIO Council.

War Veteran

From February 19, 1944, until March, 1946, Lavelle served in the Field Artillery while on leave of absence from the Ohio CIO.

A member of the Ohio Bar, the Knights of Columbus, and the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Community Chest, Lavelle was a high school teacher in Warren prior to passing the bar examination in 1936.

Moves Up In CIO

Jacob Clayman, Asisstant Secretary-Treasurer, who will assume the duties of Secretary-Treasurer until the state convention in Cleveland, has been general counsel for the Ohio CIO since 1942.

Clayman, who is 42, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, but received most of his public school education in Niles, Ohio, working in the steel mills of Niles and Youngstown to earn his way through the university.

Studied Law

He studied law at the University of Michigan, and spent his early professional life in Detroit, Michigan and St. Paul, Minnesota, but returned to Niles to actively engage in legal practice.

Jacob Clayman

During 1941 and 1942, he was a member of the Ohio Legislature from Trumbull County.

In 1942, Clayman became a field representative for the United Steelworkers of America-CIO, and thereafter became general counsel at the Ohio CIO Council.

He has held jointly that position and Assistant Secretary-Treasurership of the Ohio CIO Council since that time.

Clayman resides at 2918 Dresden Avenue, Columbus, with his wife and two daughters. He is a member of the Ohio Bar and is state trustee for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

CIO, AFL Program Presented To Tobin

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin continued his conferences with labor leaders last week, receiving the suggestions of their organizations for the Administration's legislative program. His callers included Arthur E. Lyon, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives Association, and others. American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations officials previously presented their programs, which are reported generally in harmony on major points.

Join PAC For Improved Social Security

'Let's Get Acquainted'

BY HOWARD H. REDIGER
Executive Secretary of The Toledo Industrial Union Council

ABOUT the time school began this year Local 12 renewed it's free picture shows for Toledo kids. Every Saturday at 10:30 A. M. and again at 1:30 P. M. in Parlor "A" at Local 12, the kids have a two-hour show. For good measure, some Local 12 unit throws in refreshments and door prizes.

The Kids like the show and eat it up — this can be taken two ways and that is the way we mean it.

Lately Parlor "A" has been filled to capacity by a lot of happy kids so a second show has been set up for 1:30 in the afternoon. The pictures are the kind you will want your kid to see. They are clean and entertaining. We feel sure there are many other kids who would like to attend and this is a renewed invitation for your children or children of your friends. You may feel assured that they will receive good care. This is a good place to leave them Saturday for show time while you shop.

If the show becomes too large for Parlor "A' it is highly possible that arrangements can be made to hold the show elsewhere in some centralized location. Let your child come and have a friend come along too.

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This is the time of year when many of our CIO unions, both large and small, carry on their traditional welfare work for our less fortunate members and their families. This is one of the finest jobs we do.

While talking to some of our Welfare Committeemen recently Art Wise of National Supply said a very significant thing. He thought it would be good if all Union officials were required to serve some time on a Welfare Committee. Of course many of them have—many of them have not.

This suggestion has much merit. It would temper one's sympathy, sharpen their judgment and develop a better understanding of our common problems of everyday living. To rub shoulders with our less fortunate, to see and hear their trials and tribulations, has a very sobering effect and tends to take our mind off our own troubles which in many instances are merely minor difficulties and not really trouble at all.

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Again this week we are opening the pages of our "Magic Book" for a quick peep and this is what we find: Emma Littler of Willys-Overland was a Christmas baby and the same was true of Joan Soinski, wife of Ollie, from the same shop Willys-Overland. Al Wolfinger of Superior Spinning and Mfg. Co., has his wedding anniversary on December 31 and it looks like it is number 42. Al is one of the few metal spinners left in town. Here are some more December 31st dates: Ernest Leo, son of Loretta Schillinger who does a grand job at Willys-Overland, was born in 1929. He is in the U. S. Marines and likes it very much. Wilma Broom, wife of Chas. Broom, National Supply. Joyce Lambright, daughter of Mannie Lambright, Seneca Wire, Fostoria. Marie Rippke, wife of Clifford Rippke, Plaskon. Beverly, daughter of Harold Dean, Harold is Local 12 Employment Manager. Dorothy Williams, Auto-Lite unit member. Paul Wilges, son of Herman Wilges, and his dad works at Wapakoneta (Ohio) Machine Shop.

Cecil Shufelt, National Supply, has a wedding anniversary Dec. 30th.

Marjorie, wife of Wilbur Wohlgamuth of National Supply has a birthday on this date but I'll be darned if I will say how old she is even if I do know. And we spy another name but it was on December 29, and that is the birthday of Josephine Wurzell, wife of "Chuck" Wurzell who is doing a fine job at Porcelain Enamel.

We notice that Eddie Devlin, Styling Division of Willys-Overland, designed the very appropriate Christmas card of James B. Mooney, W-O Executive Board Chairman. The theme of the design was the whole line of W-O vehicles being manufactured by a very congenial Santa Claus with the aid of his helpers.

Eddie is one of the outstanding artists in Toledo. Some of his works will be shown in the Toledo Museum of Art next month along with the work of other Toledo artists. In past years he has done much art work for Local 12 Christmas parties while this year he did work for the Auto-Lite Unit Christmas party. Eddie works in oil, water colors, pen and ink, crayon, and charcaol just to mention a few of his accomplishments.

In CIO shops there are a number of accomplished artists who belong to our organization and it seems to me it would be a good idea to have a showing of their work. We intend to get Eddie to help us do this in the near future.

Delivery Of Christmas Baskets

The Welfare Committee of Willys-Overland Unit, Local 12 UAW-CIO, have delivered to members in dire need over 200 baskets for a Christmas Dinner and 50 fruit baskets to members in hospitals. Preparing a delivery for one of the trucks required, is left to right Irene Stephenson, Bob Cousino, chairman of the Welfare Committee; Andy Jones, Walter Malinowski and Lulu Belle Stevenson. In background helping to load truck are Fred Holly at left and Harold (Pete) Johnson.

Spicer Unit of Local 12 also have remembered members in need during the Christmas Holiday. Looking over the last of baskets to be loaded on truck for delivery to needy members are Earl Ordway, chairman of Welfare Committee at that Unit and at right Lester Cluff. Other members who have assisted but were busily engaged delivering the baskets because the Journal photographer was a little late to take in the entire group for a picture were Bob Thomas, Joe Loehman, Ollie Dame, Sam Geddes, Mable Houghther and Tom Adair.

GOP Sticks To T-H

WASHINGTON (LPA) — In case anyone's in doubt, the bulk of the Republican party is sticking to the Taft-Hartley law, election or no election. Last week the Joint Labor-Management Relations Committee, headed by defeated Sen. Joseph Ball (R., Minn.) let it be known that its final report would defend the law, and even suggest more anti-union legislation. A "iberal" Republican threat to supplant Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) as the GOP's Senate steersman collapsed, and Taft vowed to battle to the end for his 1947 bill.

Profits Hearings End

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A Joint Senate-House committee on the Economic Report last week wound up hearings on current high business profits. During the hearings, the committee heard union witnesses testify in favor of government action to correct the present dangerous unbalanced state of our economy. Industry witnesses had no advice to offer except to leave them alone.

Cost Of Living Continues Fractional Decline [0.8%]

WASHINGTON D. C.—The cost-of-living index continued a fractional drop in most large cities by 0.8 percent from October 15 to November 15.

This was announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, in its monthly release on prices.

This decline was the second one; the first drop occurred between September 15 and October 15.

The consumers' price index on November 15 was 172.2 percent of the 1935-39 average, 4.4 percent higher than a year ago, and 29.2 percent above June 1946.

Primarily responsible for the decline was a drop of 1.9 percent in food prices. The drop in food prices marked the fourth consecutive month in which the food index has declined.

From the record high reached in July, food prices have dropped more than 4 percent to a level of 2.4 percent above a year ago. With decreases in 54 out of 56 cities, the food index on November 15 was 207.5 percent of the 1935-39 average.

Most classes of food contributed to the decrease in November, led by a 4.4 percent drop in meat prices. Prices of dairy products, fruits and vegetables, and fats and oils declined about 2 percent during the month.

By mid-November meat prices averaged nearly 1 percent lower than in August. Pork chops were down 13.5 percent to an average of 72 cents per pound, which was 2 cents less than the all-time high of 92 cents in mid-September.

Whole ham and hamburger dropped about 5 percent and chuck roast and bacon 3 percent. Prices of fruits and vegetables declined for the 6th month.

Discrimination In New York

NEW YORK (LPA)—One out of every five New Yorkers has experienced discrimination in employment, according to a survey recently sponsored by the American Jewish Congress and the Research Committee on Intergroup Relations, an independent body of social scientists from colleges and universities in this state. The incidence of discrimination was highest among Jews and Negroes, and is higest in "heavy industry, public utilities and finance," according to the survey.

CIO To Seek Improvement On Social Security Through Laws And Collective Bargaining

Economic Outlook Predicts "Notable Advances" To Aid The Sick, Aged Disabled And Unemployed; Will Strive To Meet Special Needs Of Workers

"Notable advances" in the country's social security protection program to aid the aged, the sick, the disabled and the unemployed were predicted for next year by the December issue of the Economic Outlook, published by the CIO Department of Education & Research.

While pressing vigorously for improvements in every phase of the social security law CIO unions will not relax their efforts to gain supplemental security protection "through collective bargaining employer-financed plans," the Outlook predicted. "Collective bargaining can obtain benefits which meet the special needs of the workers and union involved, over and above the basic level for everyone."

Considerable Progress

Unions must "inevitably" bargain over the provision of a "vast variety of health and welfare plans started by employers years ago," the Outlook pointed out. In many cases "such plans were intended to tie the workers to the company and keep out unions."

Despite some employer reluctance to bargain over these plans, a number of unions—steel, auto, clothing, textile and others—have made considerable progress in adopting "constructive" programs fitted to the workers in the various industries.

Strive To Get More

In bargaining for social security plans, CIO unions "usually strive (1) to get a definite amount contributed by the employer; (2) to have the money put into a trust fund, so it cannot be used for any purpose other than social security benefits; and (3) to obtain an equal voice in developing and operating the program," the publication said.

"In the sphere of legislation, the need is clearer than ever for a complete national program with adequate benefits and enlarged coverage to give protection against hazards of old age, survivorship, sickness and unemployment."

The Outlook said such a legislative program should also provide a strong national employment service, insurance against medical costs and rapid expansion of the country's health facilities, and necessary improvements in the public aid program—among them a set of minimum federal standards to raise benefit payments made by the states.

"A unified national program with one set of wage reports would be more economical and efficient than the hodge-podge that now exists with 51 separate state and territorial organizations in the field of unemployment insurance, which duplicate each other and to some extent the national program of old age and survivors' insurance," the CIO bulletin said.

The magazine said it was essential that state governors elected with labor support be familiarized with the CIO's reasons for a national program, so that they can resist the "determined drive" to mobilize state officials against federal legislation.

The Outlook said that old age and survivors' insurance benefits are "tragically low." Benefits should be increased two or three times above the present $25-$67.50 range, and an increase "of only 50% would be tragically inadequate." In addition, the program should be extended "to virtually the entire population," the Outlook said.

Call For Improvement

It called for improvement in the service of public employment offices throughout the country, and an end to the "grate range of differences" in unemployment compensation benefits paid in various states.

"A good national insurance system must pay benefits to sick or injured workers," the Outlook added. It noted that nearly two million railroad workers are covered by federal laws, and three states—Rhode Island, California and New Jersey—maintain short-term disability programs geared into unemployment insurance plans. "Experience with these state laws has reinforced the CIO's preference for a national set-up," the Outlook comments.

"Too many medical societies, including the American Medical Association, have been short-sighted and selfish so that they have been blinded to the need for health insurance," the publication added.

A federal social security program such as that contemplated by the CIO would cost an amount about equal to 7% or 8% of payrolls for the next few years, the Outlook said. Workers now pay 1% of their wages for old age and survivors insurance, while employers pay an equal amount on that program and an average of 1½ % of payrolls for unemployment insurance.

"The CIO goes along with some increase in these payroll taxes," the Outlook said, "so that the workers' right to receive benefits will not be questioned, and so that the relation of benefist to earnings levels can be justified.

"We are reluctant to have the level increased to more than about 2 or 2½ % on workers and 4% on employer. . . . Costs above 6 or 6½ % payroll tax should be met out of general revenues through progressive forms of taxation, such as the income or excess profits tax."

Research Finds That Cancer Is Induced By Some Industry Processes

BOSTON (LPA) — Industrial workers are being exposed to more and more substances that are known to produce cancer, and researchers and industry had better move quickly to meet these new hazards, the American Public Health Association was told last week.

New findings by researchers at the National Cancer Institute, federally-supported agency, are turning the attention of cancer experts to the whole question of how many cases of cancer can be traced directly to work involving cancer-including compounds.

Most dangerous are industries using radioactive substances, high-temperature distillation and fractionation petroleum, and the industries developing new synthetic chemicals.

Known cancer-inducing compounds, according to the National Cancer Institute, include arsenicals and coal tar products, metallic compounds such as cromates and nickel carbonyl and chemicals such as benol, soot ,tar, paraffin oil, creosote, and dye intermediaries.

And, the doctors at the Institute warn ,any industrial developments using atomic energy to crack oil and coal in the production of liquid fuel will probably furnish new cancer hazards for workers coming into contact with the processes.

While the Institute has just set up a study of "environmental cancer' at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., there are already some safety measures that can be put into effect, according to Institute officials.

PAC Pipeline

The 80th Congress,
May it rest in peace,
Dec. 31 will cease;
Now all its deeds
Must be undone
By Congress No. 81.

Fred Hartley, until Dec. 31 the Republican representative from New Jersey's Tenth District, still hasn't given up.

The has-been Congressman continues to flit from one Chamber of Commerce meeting to another, defending that law he wrote along with Senator Taft and a staff of Wall Street lawyers.

On December 7, he addressed the Queens Chamber of Commerce in New York's Commodore Hotel, and called the law a potential force for "great industrial peace."

He then expressed regret that there has been "a great deal of emphasis in the wrong direction" since Nov. 2 in connection with the law. By "emphasis in the wrong direction," he presumably meant the clamor to repeal it.

It's obvious what a union worker would say to such an argument. But imagine Mr. Hartley's distinct surprise when one of the businessmen attending the dinner shouted:

"Boloney!"

Now how do you suppose that union agitator ever wormed his way into the Queens Chamber of Commerce?

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From good old Alf Landon, the hardy perennial sunflower philosopher, comes a charming bit of advice for the Republican party.

In an interview on December 7, Landon said the immediate role of the Republicans must be to discuss and debate the policies of the Democrats to make sure the people understand what's going on.

"It is the historical function of the party out of power to discuss the issues," Alf explained.

Then he added, with delightful whimsy:

"Even during a campaign."
How true.

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Why unions are necessary:—At a Senate subcommittee hearing in Boston on December 7, the New York manager of a Puerto Rican "industrial development" concern testified that Textron Inc., multi-million dollar New England textile firm, is building a mill in Puerto Rico and has plans for five more.

By arrangement, he explained, Textron will be free of taxes for 15 years.

And what, the Puerto Rican asked, will the minimum wages for workers in the new Textron mills be?

They will be 25 cents an hour, he replied.

No matter how you add that up, it still comes to only $10 for a 40-hour week.

UAW-CIO Meet Drafts Program

DETROIT (LPA)—In a recent United Auto Workers-CIO caucus attended by 135 representatives of 40 locals, 3½ hours was spent discussing a draft program which included fourth round wage demands, a drive against the speedup and an end to discrimination in the hiring and promotion of Negro workers. The group also agreed to demand a price rollback, price control without a wage freeze and reduced income taxes for low income groups. Caucus leader is Tracy Doll, recently displaced pro-left-wing president of the Wayne County IUC.

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Sparklets—Champion Unit

A LOT of the employees celebrated the Christmas season last week by having a pot-luck.

The girls in Department D, first shift, had dinners fit for a king and they were enjoyed by everyone. The food in Department E was so plentiful that the column wouldn't be long enough to describe it.

Department L held a pot-luck on Thursday and they provided us with a "write-up" on the "affair."

"The Christmas Dinner provided by the employees of Dept. L is sure to be remembered for a long time. The menu consisted of hot fried chicken, dressing, gravy, cranberries, potato salad, baked beans, hot buttered rolls, cake and coffee. Providing the meal were Rose Rager, Thelma Weaver, Gertrude Thompson, Velma Kiefer, Genevieve McClellan, Dolly Hufeld and Betty Hanslik."

We wonder why Beatty was running around the factory so fast. Did he expect to find bottles, or a hand out? He couldn't have been looking for a hand out because he was very well fed in the department that fed Soden and Sibley, the other members of the COMPANY PERSONNEL. He should have told the steward of the tool room and the men in Eng. Production how he managed to get invited to a dinner of employees—they couldn't even buy a meal.

We hear that Willard Miller, millwright 1st shift, is at home recovering from his recent operation.

Congratulations to Thomas Bohland and Mrs. Bohland on their recent addition and future millright. He weighs nine pounds.

What happened to that sterling gap-setter team last Tuesday? They were so near the "top" and now 'so far." Thanks to that "top-team" busting Tool Room team.

Congratulations to Bernard Lubinski, Dept. D, 2nd shift, he is the father of a baby boy born last week. Bernie passed out cigars to his friends. Now he must bowl better so that he will be an ideal for his boy. Congratulations to Mrs. Lubinski, also.

Everyone admires a good feminine figure and many of us note that Alma Harper, instructress in D 2nd shift is improving hers day by day.

The liniment business is booming, it would seem, for Clarence Utrup, Dept. D 2nd shift. He just bought a Pontiac (1941 vintage) from one, Don Rice.

Department D 1st shift looked quite dreary for a while last Thursday—that is it did until a certain inspector (male) walked in all "dolled" up like a Christmas tree. All that was lacking was a red and green wreath around his neck.

We lost two more members last week. Carl Schroeder and Fritz Wagner. Carl was from Dept. K and Fritz from D. Our sympathy goes to the families of these two men.

There is a certain "detail man" on the 1st floor 2nd shift, who thinks he can run the whole plant. Maybe if he ever becomes a foreman he will have a little more authority to boss people around. Better slow down and take it a little bit easy, "Joe" as you are just a detail man. (Watch out for those pats on the back from the foreman, they usually stop patting and start to use their foot and hit a little lower).

The Committee thanks all the members who sent us Christmas cards and a great big thank you to Fred Hipp, who gave us a carton of cigarettes. Fred works on the 1st shift in department E.

Singing Carols At Bingham Stamping

Unlike many shops in Toledo, Bingham Stamping workers were treated to Christmas Carols from their own group of singers. The Stamping firm has a sound system throughout the plant and also providing recorded music at intervals during working hours. Taking part as a Choral Group during the Holiday season are left to right, Anna Purol, Effie Hays, Wanda Konieczny and Mabel Bowles, playing the accordion. At left of the accordion player are Billie Williams, Angie Hill in back; Jennie Rozek, Florence Aumiller, Marie Yoey and the only male member of the group being Bill Weston, Unit chairman. Others who are not seen distinctly in picture are Viola Byers, Stella Spychala and Betah Winchell.

American Labor In 1949

A New Year's Day Statement by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin

The year 1949 finds the American wage earner better off than any other wage earner in the world, and assured that his freedom will be protected and his economic advantages improved.

Our standard of living has been mounting steadily for a century. Today an ordinary worker's hourly wage buys four times what his great grandfather's hourly wage bought in 1847.

His weekly wages represent a three-fold gain in purchasing power over 100 years ago, for a workweek that has shrunk by one-third.

The quantity and quality of goods and services available to him beyond the basic requirements of living have contributed substantially to his well-being and enjoyment of life. They are the measure of the high standard of living which he enjoys.

There have been marked improvements also in his health and life expectancy, education, recreation and travel, civil and political rights.

The growth of the labor movement has given him a greater participation in group economic and political decisions, and a more direct voice in his Government.

Two factors have contributed to the constant improvement of the purchasing power of his hourly and weekly wages: increased productivity and greater bargaining power.

Increases in real wages, or purchasing power, have more nearly approximated increases in productivity in recent years when union strength was on the upswing and protection of the right of collective bargaining became a Government policy.

The labor movement is 16 million strong today, and showing signs of continued vigorous growth.

American wage-earners and their unions have contributed to the strength and welfare of the Nation.

Productivity is again on the upswing as technological developments made during the war are adapted to peacetime production.

This will provide for further improvements in our standard of living if the workers are given their just share of the productivity increases.

Ragging The Scale

NOW, AS aching heads, shattered nerves and outraged stomachs are once more slowly approaching a state of normal, it would seem the time for some appropriate NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. Here are a few RESOLVES that would be in order:

Howard Eddleman to wear a nose guard when inspecting print weights.

Mary Cobb to always have the air turned on when checking dashpots.

Charley Geringer to distinguish between the salt and sugar before sugaring his liver and onions.

Bill Kenny not to go to the State Line Inn with John Smith the day before Christmas.

Don Meyers to leave Vic find his own car after a hilarious afternoon at Larry Parks.

Mary Ellen to celebrate Christmas next year the day after instead of the day before.

Last but not least we hear that Robert Martin has resolved not to get mad at Myron over once a week next year.

The girls of Assembly No. 1 held their annual Christmas party and gift exchange Thursday noon and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Inspection Department also held a gift exchange and some very interesting gifts were being exhibited there Thursday afternoon. Most noticeable was the set of rubber safety tools received by Charley Feuhr, seems as though the girls thought Charley didn't know his own strength.

It's too late for holiday greetings, however we would like to wish all the Scale Employees now on sick leave a healthier and happy New Year. Now on leave are Michael Ferguson of Inspection Department, Tom Beauchaine of Maintenance, Herbert Rieck and Elizabeth Cornett of Chart, Glenn Gross and George Wymer of General Machine, Gus Keier of Development, Joseph Hope of Timekeeping and Corrine Cage of Service Department.

We would like to remind the Company that as a New Year's gift to the employees, they might either furnish some lights for the parking lot or remove the cables, as several people have fallen over them in the dark.

NIGHT SHIFT

We hear Audrey Burkholder doesn't have to drop her hanky to attract the boys.

Congratulations are in order. Mr. and Mrs. E. Davo have celebrated their 29th anniversary, while Gus Vossberg of the tool room has 28 years to his credit. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hartman came through the first year.

For some real Shuffleboard geniuses, drop around to the Annex and see the Darnell's and Kern's in action.

They tell us that the love bug has got the bite on Shorty Clinger. When are we to hear the wedding bells ring, Shorty. Leap year will soon be over, so better hurry.

Albert Hughie Toots Godfred has a hot rod special Mercury. He will challange any car on the road with two spark plugs disconnected.

You might take a stroll back in Plaskon if you want to hear a good duet by Ralph Leslie and Casey. These boys do a nice job specializing in hymns.

The voice of experience. If you think your Union dues are paid, better take another look; it will save you a lot of embarassment.

The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

THE GIRLS at our shop had their usual Christmas Party with Mary Curtis being the chairman of the arrangement committee. They all had a swell time.

We sometimes wonder what the reason is for the company putting in so many new bosses. If they have so much money, there could be a lot of improvements made in the shop. Here are a few: A bigger lunch room, more lockers for all the employees, a larger first aid room and most of all, more parking space for our automobiles.

With one of the best Christmases gone, a lot of our people are looking forward to the best in the coming New Year.

The company, it seems, is trying to get along with their employees for a change.

Brother Ted Iwanicki, our star reporter of the Die Shop, is a proud father of a baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing great.

Brother Zimmer and Cuttaia are getting pretty active. Could it be the coming election?

Sister Helen Napolski is getting along swell after a long illness and expects to be back to work soon.

Gene Clear (U. S. N.), son of Ella Clear, was married December 19, to Louise De Ghelder of St. Petersberg, Florida. Mama has every right to be very proud of her boy, which she is.

Melvin Mazany of the Inspection Dept. is on the beam these days. Could it be that his new wife is telling him what to do?

Frank Rock, the union policeman, is very busy with all the new people coming around.

The fireplace display and all the entertainment arrangements were a gala event in the Die Shop Friday morning, December 24th. Thanks to the boys of the Die Shop and especially to our originator, and entertainers, Brother Shmoo.

A few of our people are trying to stress the point of how important it is for the company and to the employees to have a little larger First Aid Room and right now since the company can afford to put on an addition to the factory, you would think they could also give the employees a little more room for First Aid. So come on, Mr. Safety Director, let's see some action!

Say fellows, did you hear what I heard today,

That big Ted went to Buddies, got some cookies and did not pay,

When the cashier said, "Hey! gimme some dough."

Ted said, "I just did so."

So they stood there arguing for a half hour or so,

And finally he decided to give her the dough.

Now this isn't the first time, it happened before.

That's the reason there is no checker games anymore.

With Clint the winner, and Ted at a loss,

Makes Grandpa a chiseling boss.

I don't know how at night he goes to sleep,

With all the birdies calling him cheap, cheap, cheap.

Toledo Stamping Notes

By Barbara Kohler

SORRY to hear that Bill, our time checker, is ill and in the hospital. We all hope he has a speedy recovery and is back with us soon.

The big event of the week was the "Bowlerettes' Banquet" which was held at the Green Light Inn. The girls would like to thank Mr. Snyder for making it possible for them to have such a grand time. They would also like to thank our president Donna Olson and Dorothy for the grand work they did in making the arrangements. Also to the captains, Jean, Ann, Iris and Chick. We also want to thank Chick for making the place cards which were beautiful. The big attraction of the evening was Donna singing with the orchestra.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Peterson is ill in the hospital. Hurry up pal and get well. The game misses you.

We are wondering why Jim, the trucker in the press dept., was looking over Minnie's dolls when he had a doll of his own in the press dept.

Birthday greetings goes to Ann of the inspection dept. That little gal from way down thar in Chicago.

It's sure good to see Ann Napierala's smiling face back again.

Birthday greetings to DeLoy Neuman, that guy that drives the big green job in from Holland.

That guy whom you see strutting his stuff with a big cigar in his mouth these days is none other than Mac, our chief inspector.

"Wishing everybody a Happy New Year" from your editor.

Gett'In Hot With Everhot Swartzbaugh Unit

By BILL BORDEN

Editor's Note:
While the Unit's News Reporter, Mel Phillips, is on a leave of absence, the Column will be written by Bill Borden, Chairman of Swartzbaugh Unit.

IT SEEMS that we are working for the only company in the City that wouldn't come out and tell its employees what it's plans were for working the day before Christmas. The Company put up a notice that the Plant would work half a day on Friday the 24th. Thursday they came around in the afternoon and said that there would be no work on Friday. We also think that HONESTY should be the Company's first policy. Altho' we do not approve of people drinking while working, and speaking of drinking, Swartzbaugh must have really thrown one for his office staff. After looking at the eyes of some of the sweet young things who work in the office is any indication of sweetness this Reporter doesn't think they're so young and sweet. Even our Credit Union went to H - - L Friday.

The girls of Dept. 26, Sub-Assembly, threw a Christmas party in Zimmerman's Restaurant Thursday. Attending were Mildred Birt, Anna Gwin, Lottie Harris, Katie Altweis, Betty Lou Strit, Mary Assally, Alverna Kries, Genevieve Puhl, Beryl Pawlikowski and Sophia Kwapich. A good time was had by all.

Your Chairman and Unit Secretary, Alverna Kries, wish to express their thanks at this time for the very nice Christmas presents which they received.

Brother Virgil Hitts was seen at the Bowling alley last Tuesday. Virgil has just been released from the Hospital and altho a little weak hopes to be back with us soon. Steve Horvath received a broken foot last week and is now at home after being released from Flower Hospital. Steve and Eleanor will be glad to see some of their old friends, so drop over and say Hello.

At a recent election in the Factories Bldg. Lillian Olson and Ray Laubenz were elected stewards of the first shift. Butch Goscik was elected steward of the second shift. Best of luck to you all. Also folks remember re-nomination for chairman and committeeman is in January so don't forget a couple of your past friends, namely Bill Borden present chairman and Frak Wroblewski present committeeman.

There are a couple of guys in the Skilled Trades who are fast becoming the best of buddies. If they get in the doghouse much more they had better see if they both can fit in the Ice Shanty that one of them owns.

There hasn't been any news turned in from the Factories Building or the Westwood Plant for some time. Let's get together and turn it in to the paper.

That's about all the news for this year so see you all in next year's column and a Happy New Year.

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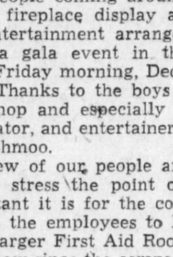

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The 'Great Illusion'

Big Business executives are doing their darndest to sell the public the idea that swollen corporate profits really aren't too high.

They're having about as much luck as the mahout who tried to hide his elephant in a pup tent.

Despite the fact that they talk in technical terms designed to confuse the public, they have been unable to hide two important facts:

1. Corporate profits after payment of taxes) for 1948 will total between $20 and 21 billion — more than five times the average for 1936-'39 and more than double those of the wartime peak year 1943.

2. Prices which were necessary to bring about such enormous profits have risen so high they are rapidly drying up the consumer buying power needed for a healthy economy.

The situation as it stands today painfully reminds us of what was going on back in that period of wonderful nonsense which came just before the Big Bust of 1929.

Just so a little illusion won't be added to the Great Illusion which Big Business is trying to manufacture, let us point out one thing::

A lot of that "consumer resistence" you've been reading about is merely the inability of people to buy what they want and need because they haven't the money.

It's interesting to note that the crowd which is trying to sell the idea that profits aren't too high is the same one which peddled the equally sound proposition that Tom Dewey was a cinch for the Presidency.

What those lads need is a Houdini. There was a guy who could create an illusion and make it stick!

We've Often Said The Same Thing

We'll wager our best New Year's resolution against an injunction that a lot of folks (including us) were shocked by the editorial in the Dec. 18 issue of Business Week, a McGraw-Hill magazine.

The editorial, entitled "Why the Taft-Hartley Act Failed," says in part:

"What was wrong with the Taft-Hartley Act was that it went too far. It crossed the narrow line separating a law which aims only to regulate from one which could destroy.

"Given a few million unemployed in America, given an administration in Washington which was not pro-union—and the Taft-Hartley Act conceivably could destroy the labor movement.

"These are the provisions which could do it: (1) picketing can be restrained by injunction; (2) employers can petition for a collective bargaining election; (3) strikers can be held ineligible to vote—while the strike replacements cast the only ballots, and (4) if the outcome of this is a 'no-union' vote, the government must certify and enforce it.

"Any time there is a surplus labor pool from which an employer can hire at least token strike replacements, these four provisions, linked together, presumably can destroy a union.

"By going that far, the law defeated itself. It was more than a pendulum swing away from the Wagner Act . . ."

To us there are two interesting things about the Business Week editorial:

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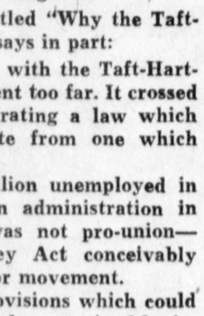

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What's New?

By Edward J. Duck,
Journal Columnist

If ever there has been a need for something to be done about the cost of living that time is now.

We can talk till doomsday, but we must remember that actions speak louder than words—much louder.

What to do about it, besides turning out the lights and going to sleep — that is the question.

The answer, friends, is for all of us to quit dreaming and droning, complaining and waiting for something to happen. "The Lord Helps Those Who Help Themselves!" Let's give ourselves a break, once and for all, and end high prices through the use of consumer owned stores, manufacturing and processing plants!

As things now stand, you and I buy the supermarkets for the big chain stores—but unfortunately, we don't OWN them. There are so many of us, our weekly food bills amount to such great sums of money when totalled together, that in no time at all we can own and operate our own stores, set our own prices, and eventually achieve greater economic security than we have ever witnessed in America or in the world.

The co-op plan is simple. On a voluntary basis we each subscribe to a $25 share of Class A Common Stock. Enough of these and we will be able to fill our warehouse supermarket with shelves and shelves of finest quality grade-labeled groceries. In banding together, we can purchase in carload lots, cutting down the unit cost. Then in having a store that doesn't spend huge sums of money in advertising and fancy frills and fixtures we can give the consumer real dollar value, making his pay-check stretch farther. This is BETTER than an increase in wages, because it is not only anti-inflationary, but it prevents the boom-and-bust economic cycles which always bring depressions after prosperous times.

Like the person who says "I'll join the union after the rest do, or after the majority of my fellow workers have joined," there are many who say, "I'll join the co-op after the stores are built."

There would be no union contract or organization today if everyone had waited until everyone else had joined. There could be no co-op if everyone wanted to be the last to join, either. The union is a good thing, as you know by your contracts, your wages and working conditions in the Toledo area, and the co-op is likewise a good thing, because it takes up where the labor contract lets off. It protects that hard-won dollar you worked for all day in the shop, and it protects the raise your committee and officers negotiated for you.

It isn't as though we were making a donation when we buy a $25 share of stock. Rather, it is an investment—an investment that pays dividends in many ways. When we buy quality goods at our co-op store or warehouse supermarket, as it is called, we know we're not being cheated in any way. We would be foolish if we tried to cheat ourselves, and after all, it is OUR store, operated not for profit, but for our own use.

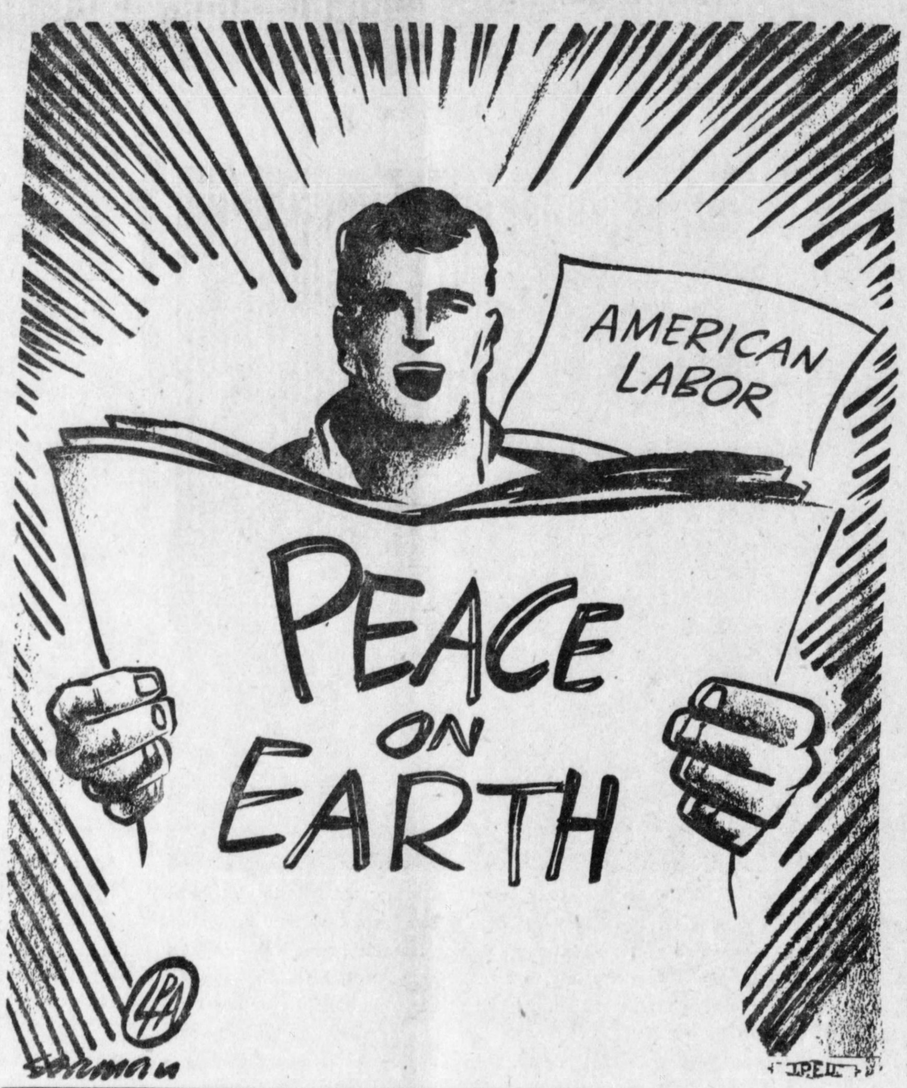
Too, we get immediate savings because of the large scale buying. The busier our store is, the lower the unit cost of our groceries. Then, at the end of the fiscal period, be it six months or a year, we get a nice patronage dividend check, based on the undivided "profits" up to that point.

The co-op is a wonderful thing. People who have learned about it devote many, many hours without pay in promoting it, just as they have done so for the union during organizational times. If anyone doesn't understand it, it is not their fault, but it is the fault of those who do understand it and fail to spread the word. The drive is on, and we are going to spread that word quickly and certainly during the next two months.

If your unit or local has not been approached as yet, and you would like to have a speaker attend your meeting to explain the co-op program in Toledo, if you will get in touch with the writer or call Mrs. Martha Gosline Smith, at LA. 9813, we will furnish a co-op speaker for your next meeting. This holds for any organization, union, fraternal, or church group.

May we hear from you? Many have already responded, but we want to complete the job as swiftly as possible.

"To Men of Good Will"



Inside America

(Written by the Staff of The CIO News)

Every business writer in the country is keeping his eyes glued on the price index. The guessing game which stopped abruptly on November 3 is back in full swing — this time on the question of business recession or no business recession?

Some random facts indicate inflation is taking its toll. Christmas sales, throughout the country, trailed 1947 records. Job layoffs were announced in some industries. In week before Christmas, the consumer price index dropped nearly 1 point, the biggest decline in months.

What does it add up to? No one really knows. Some economists think January may tell the story. Will prices drop markedly as merchants try to move their consumer products? Will people buy or hold back? Do the great mass of consumers have the greenbacks to buy anything but day-to-day living needs?

Answers to these questions may tell story of 1949's economic outlook.

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Profit question came up recently at Senate committee investigations, and Don Montgomery — UAW-CIO economist — talked about what Mark Twain used to call "tainted profits — 'tain't yours and 'taint mine."

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CIO Legislative Department is getting set for hectic session of the brand new 81st Congress. Unions will press hard for adoption of Democratic Party platform as soon as possible.

National CIO headquarters is now preparing a "Handbook for Congressmen." It will give low-down, in summarized form, on CIO's leislative program — and the reasons behind each proposal.

Thus, no Congressmen will have excuse that "he didn't know what unions wanted."

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Four CIO officials are going over to England in mid-January for heart-to-heart talks with Britain's powerful Trades Union Congress. Subject of discussion: what course do two of the world's largest democratic labor unions do in realm of international affairs.

CIO convention authorized such conversations. It's no secret, of course, that CIO leaders haven't been happy with way World Federation of Trade Unions has been running. Friction started with refusal of leaders of Communist labor movements to support Marshall Plan, though WFTU's basic aims call for support of economic recovery programs.

British labor officials feel about the same way. They'll talk over the problem together, plan a course of action in London for submission to their two organizations.

What do you do about a social security program that isn't very social and doesn't provide security?

CIO Economic Outlook, in current issue, suggests it be given thorough over-haul. In addition, says CIO monthly magazine, unions would do well to bring security problems into collective bargaining meetings, in order to bring security tailored to special needs of workers in each industry.

How badly social security benefits have lagged behind is evident in "Outlook" statement that a 50% rise in benefit payments isn't enough; at least two or three times the present old age insurance payments must be made if people are to enjoy real security CIO points out.

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Washington is incensed at ability of House Committee on UnAmerican Activities to keep on smearing reputation of American citizens, living and dead.

Latest incident was Committee's release of third-hand hearsay gossip about Lawrence Duggan, former State Dept. official who fell or jumped to his death from New York office building. Duggan was considered one of best types of U.S. public servants—but UnAmerican Activities Committee gave newspapers the gossip—testimony allegedly linking Duggan with the spy case.

Representative Mundt — soon to be a Senator—lamely alibied that he'd voted to release the material in order, he said, to "help the New York police." It was a curious way of doing it.

Mundt, in radio interview, also gave insight into way in which the Thomas Committee functions. He said the material was released by vote of majority of committee members present in Washington — himself, that is, and one other member. Incident was too raw even for some of the other members of Congress's most irresponsible committee.

Incidentally, months roll by and Dr. Edward Condon, leading government scientist, still hasn't had chance at public hearing to deny loose charges that he is the "weakest link" in U. S. atomic energy security.

The charge was sprung at Condon more than a year ago at House UnAmerican Activities hearing. He denied it immediately; his conduct was reviewd by superiors in government; and he was given clean bill of health—by everybody but the UnAmerican Activities Committee, which "hasn't had the time" to hold hearings. Wheh!

HERE AND THERE: CIO Executive Board scheduled to meet in Washinton January 26 . . . "It's in the Family," CIO's 15-minute quiz show, opens up on ABC network Tuesday, January 4, at 10:30 P.M. EST. It will be on every week until June. Try listening on your local ABC station — it's fun . . . CIO President Philip Murray to be honored at banquet in New York January 12 by Labor and Nation magazine . . . Senator Flanders (R. Vt.) admits how he voted wrong in supporting GOP tax bill last year. Late admission of error is better than none . . . AFL has turned downCIO bid for a joint legislative conference to cordinate labor's work in 81st Congress.

Reader's Comments

To the Editor:

I prefer not to have my name published in this connection, but I do want to compliment the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL and Mr. Duck for those two fine articles on music-in-industry. We have looked into the thing and contemplate establishing such a program in our plant.

Incidentally, for Mr. Duck's benefit, The Library of Congress recommends some excellent sources of data on industrial music, including "Experiments on the effects of music on factory production," by Willard A. Kerr, (Applied Psychology Monograph No. 5, January, 1945, Stanford University Press, Palo Alto, California), and "Music and sound systems in industry," by Barbara Elna Benson, published by McGraw-Hill, New York City.

Sincerely,
(Name withheld by request)

Veterans information

Q—Is the widow of a World War I or a World War II veteran entitled to a pension even though the husband had no service-connected disability.

A—For World War I widows the answer is yes. Benefits are payable under Public Law 483, 78th Congress, if the veterans' service meets the requirements and the widow's income does not exceed limitations established by law. A World War II widow whose husband had no service connected disability is not eligible for pension.

Q—Is it true that National Service Life Insurance pays the insured veteran $5 per month for each $1,000 of insurance in force while he is totally disabled?

A—If the veterans pay the necessary extra premium, he will be paid $5 per month for each $1,000 of insurance in force after he has been totally disabled for 6 consecutive months. Application for total disability income may be made at your local VA office.

Q—Can the beneficiary or family of a veteran make premium payments on his National Service Life Insurance if the veteran doesn't care to do so?

A—Yes, but the insured veteran has the right to change his beneficiary or beneficiaries at any time without consulting with or receiving the approval of anyone. He may also surrender his permanent NSLI policy for cash at any time.

Q—I bought my home without a GI loan. May I secure a guaranteed loan to buy furniture for it?

A—No.

Congress Will Have Voice In Labor's Political Perspective

By Bradford L. Carter

The 81st Congress will be watched by the men and women of organized labor as few of its predecessors have been. Labor's organizations, the trade unions and their political action leagues, played much more of a direct role in its selection than workers have before.

They're going to keep their eyes on specific bills—for low-cost housing, for improved social security, for health insurance, and for attacks upon inflation. They're demanding quick action to repeal Taft-Hartley, and they're concerned too about civil rights legislation and the development of our natural resources.

Labor believes that in 1950 it will be able to retire more reactionaries. And certainly it will make short shrift of men elected with its support who fail to come through in support of labor's liberal legislative program.

But that's not the whole story. More is at stake than the fate of specific bills, and the political fortunes of incumbent Congressmen. The Democratic 81st Congress will do much to determine the future political thinking and electoral action of the American labor movement.

Most unionists think that the workers can best accomplish their political goals by supporting their friends and opposing their foes in both major parties. In most cases this has meant supporting Democrats.

The accomplishments of the New Deal, strengthened the feeling of the labor movement that more is to be gained by backing major party candidates than by supporting new political ventures.

This past election Henry Wallace was rejected not only for this reason, but because most of labor recognized his party as Communist inspired, and in some cases actually desirous of defeating not reactionaries but proven friends of the workers.

There have always been however a few respected people in the labor movement who have said that labor must organize itself politically, just as it has economically. They have maintained that despite their differences neither Democrats nor Republican politicians can be trusted to "deliver' on the campaign promises they have made to labor.

But, by and large, these men made relatively little headway in "selling" their approach to most of their fellow unionists. One of the answers of the majority always has been that labor doesn't have enough strength to go into politics directly and so must support party nominees most favorable to its program.

Since November, however, a new synthesis is emerging between their attitude and that of the union men who have favored vigorous labor political action. It is that labor must create its own independent machinery, marshall its members as voters, and keep up a constant campaign to align unorganized citizens in behalf of progressive programs.

Although encouraged to continue working with the major parties — primarily the Democratic party—as a result of the 1948 experience, most union leaders feel that their political vehicles must remain independent, that the loyalty of unionists and their friends should be to labor political action, not to any party. Their assumption is that they will continue to -work with and through the major parties, in behalf of good candidates and platforms.

But—and this is where the 81st Congress comes in—if the people labor helped elect to office do not live up to the pledges they've made to the workers, they're going to find organized labor taking more and more of a direct hand in the spelling out of platforms and the selection of candidates.

Join the **MARCH OF DIMES**

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Vice-President
International UAW-CIO

"There is some curious twist in the business mind which makes it suspicious of the right answer. Consider what happens to most problems that are tossed into a conference. The sound solution is most always simple and obvious. But the regular practice is to struggle all afternoon to find some compromise with the right way. It seems to be accepted as evidence of a shrewd business mind to be able so to confuse and muddy a proposition that no one ever will think straight about it again."

Truer words were never spoken. Executives of management, labor and government should reflect on this little motto, for suspicion of the right answer and the desire to do things the complicated way have resulted in a lot of needless trouble for all of us, not to mention the untold amount of time and money unnecessarily wasted.

Some people say "no" to most everything. Others kick a proposition so completely out of shape that even its author cannot recognize it in its final form. Why can't we do things the easy, logical way? Must we hash, rehash, and debate every problem until it reaches the proportions of a federal case?

We are living in a fast moving world, one that requires people to specialize, to know the answers quickly and surely in his particular field. The doctor cannot attempt to tell Mr. Mooney how to build or sell his Jeepster, nor can the barber tell the doctor how to diagnose a case of diphtheria; any more than either the doctor or Mr. Mooney could tell the barber how to cut hair.

In his very interesting book on labor-management relations and the functions of American business "Or Forfeit Freedom," (Doubleday, Garden City, N.Y.) Robert Wood Johnson explains the simple, direct, and obvious method by which good public relations can be obtained by American industry. He says:

"Any plan that relies on employee cooperation must be voluntary. Nothing can be gained by drill, propaganda, or pep meetings; what the worker does must and should be willing. unregimented service. It will rest first of all on his own god relations — his feeling of satisfaction, his confidence in management, his pride in himself as a worker, and as a worker with his company. He must feel that he works for one of the best companies in the country, with top management that is fair and decent, with likeable and reasonable foremen, with a top-notch working force, and and with reputable products. No company whose employees fail to hold these opinions and boast about them has even started to first base in good public relations."

Robert Wood Johnson is a specialist in human relations, and he knows more than a little about public relations. If anyone doubts that he knows the answers, that person has only to read his book to find how well he does know them.

In an enlightened economic world intelligent management will replace propagandists with human relations experts. Good labor relations ARE good public relations. Management must be willing to accept the right answers without suspicion. Good labor relations come as the by-product of good human relations. Year-end bonuses to employees as well as to executives go a long way toward creating genuine everyday employee interest in corporate welfare. Good will can be had quite easily by the promotion of nice recreational programs and a few extra concessions here and there. One might suggest that management give the workers the things they once gave them in an attempt to keep them out of the union.

Employee good will goes hand in hand with good labor relations. Management will do well to cultivate a good working relationship with the union, from top to bottom, built on a foundation of mutual trust and respect. Grievances should be settled at the grass roots level, not allowed to fester and spread ill feeling.

In short, give the workers the things they want and need. Accept the union; don't try to fight it ,and it won't fight you. Above all, extend real security to your employees; that way you'll attract the best available workers and keep them with you. Do this by inaugurating a worthwhile pension plan and a real insurance program.

If management cannot accept these suggestions without a lot of ifs, buts, and strings attached, the only other suggestion I can offer is that the opening paragraph of this column be re-read.

Happy New Year!

We, Too

By RUTH TAYLOR

It is a habit with the majority in speaking of the minority to comment on how careful they must be, to say that, like Caesar's wife, they must always be above reproach, that each and every act must be watched, and that the individual must consider the effect of his actions upon the group from which he comes. That is plain horse sense—I've preached it myself.

But sometimes I wonder if the majority in this country ever realizes that this applies to us as well—that we are but a minority in the world, by both race and nationality.

It is up to us at all times to be good advertisements for democracy and for the democratic way of life.

We preach to the Europeans of the folly of their national and trade barriers, or the dividing lines between countries. But we don't see anything tragic, only humorous, in the story of the Boston gentlewoman who could not understand why there should be a fog in San Francisco when it was three thousand miles away from THE ocean.

We turn to the East and talk to the Asiatics of the wonders of Democracy and of how they should conduct their lives. But how well do we demonstrate the brotherhood of mankind? How good is our own record? Both national and personal? Are we entirely guiltless?

Every act of discrimination, every outbreak of intolerance, every one of the vituperative cat fights in which we indulge during political campaigns is a black mark against democracy in the eyes of the onlooking world.

Of course we know what we mean. We discount half our own talk. But the people of other nations take us at face value and ask: "Is that democracy?"

Villainous Roles Pay Off On Screen

HOLLYWOOD—Crime may bring some individuals to no good end, but it offers others a mighty bright beginning At least, that's the case in Hollywood.

If Alan Ladd hadn't shot a man in the stomach he'd probably still be a sound stage electrician But the bullet he spat at a supporting player in "This Gun For Hire" shot him to immediate stardom.

A more recent instance is Richard Widmark's plunge into the Hollywood headlines. Until he kicked that defenseless old lady down th stairs in her wheelchair in "Kiss of Death," Widmark was a complete unknown to movie goers.

Villiany has set many a screen player off on the road to success. Murder in cold blood won Robert Ryan an Academy nomination for "Crossfire." Robert Taylor was popular with the girls but not with men until he pushed Lana Turner around in "Johnny Eager." And Humphrey Bogart certainly didn't build his reputation as a Sunday School student. He did it with blazing guns in "The Petrified Forest."

But today there's another trend in Hollywood. Even established stars are resorting to villainy and deserting the straight and narrow. Ray Milland does so with a vengeance in his latest film. In "Alias Nick Beal" for Paramount he is a devilish character who induces Thomas Mitchell into a career of intrigue and uses Audrey Totter to attain this end.

Burt Villian, Too

Burt Lancaster played a despicable character who maneuvers the murder of his wife, Barbara Stanwyck, in "Sorry, Wrong Number." You may remember recently how George Brent pursued his villanious way in "The Spiral Staircase," and Charles Boyer drove Ingrid Bergman straight to an Academy Oscar by his persecution in "Gaslight."

While on the subject, Gregory Peck was no angel in "Duel In The Sun." He merely plotted the murder of his brother.

There's a strange fascination to villiany, and some actors have come to regard the occasional evil chore as career insurance in Hollywood. In pictures, at least, evil brings its own reward and crime definitely does pay.

Subtle and Supple

Cyd Charisse, lovely M-G-M actress, models this great coat of sleek dark mink. The full rippling back narrows as it extends upward to form a natural rounded shoulder. Miss Charisse will be seen next in "Words and Music."

Star Dust
STAGE—SCREEN—RADIO

Released by WNU Features.

By INEZ GERHARD

Joan Bennett, settling down in New York for six weeks with her family, found her apartment lacking pots and pans. With a baby and two small girls, meals had to be prepared at home. The cook gave her a list and she and the little girls headed for a fascinated by the escalator, so she told them to ride it while she shopped. They rode happily

JOAN BENNETT

to the top floor, then were afraid to come down, and screams for mama echoed through the building to a lower floor till she heard and went to their rescue. Had other mothers recognized that pretty mother, fans would have mobbed her!

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David Butler put on make-up to direct himself in a scene for "Two Guys and a Gal" at Warner's. The plump director played himself as a director—said his last appearance in films was 21 years and 80 pounds ago.

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Robert Fellows, who became a paramount director with "Wild Harvest" and recently did "Sealed Verdict," has come up the hard way. Starting with bit roles for De Mille, he has been everything from office boy to punior writer to assistant director. In 1941 he did two pictures simutaneously — "Pittsburgh" for Universal and "Bombardier" for RKO.

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Signs of the times: Governor Dewey, speaking on September 21 in the time spot held by "My Friend Irma," got a Hooer rating of only 12.7—several points lower than that usually won by the CBS Monday night program. Winchell, Lux Theater, Godfrey's Talent Scouts, Stop the Music, Bob Hope and Mr. District Attorney topped him in the latest poll.

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Brian Roper, English child actor, came all the way from London to play one of the principal roles in "The Secret Garden" for MGM. Margaret O'Brien and Dean Stockwell head the very fine cast.

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The annual party launching a new year for Irene Beasley's yet. It was really a family party, "Grand Slam," was the best one not a big affair for the press. "We just asked the people we liked best," somebody explained. Irene, one of radio's finest, proudly showed everyone the beautiful diamond and garnet pin her sponsor had given her.

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"Night Nurse," a hit when it was released in the early '30s with Barbara Stanwyck, Ben Lyon, Joan Blondell and Clark Gable, is to be remade, with a new script, new cast and Alex Gottlieb as producer.

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With his difficulties with Columbia Pictures settled, and a new contract signed, Larry Parks is set as the star of "Jolson Sings Again," He will also make pictures for his own producing organization. He and his wife, Betty Garrett, plan to form a company to produce plays in which they will star, later adapting them for motion pictures.

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Children who like to pick out tunes on the piano with one finger should not be discouraged; they may grow up to be famous one-fingered jazz pianists, like Lionel Hampton, the drummer. He displays this talent in "A Song Is Born."

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Sam Hearn, famed as "Schlepperman" on the Jacv Benny air show, and his brother Lew, have been signed for featured comedy roles in "Happy Times" with Danny Kaye. Both were headliners in vaudeville in the old lush days. They'll be made up to loo lie twins, though there is really a difference of six years in their age.

Forty Men And Girl Teach Red To Rumba

HOLLYWOOD—Red Skelton learned to dance the rumba in record time—but it took forty men and a girl to teach him.

Director Edward Buzzell had just called lunch hour on the set of M-G-M's "Neptune's Daughter," when suddenly Xavier Cugat's band broke into an irresistible invitation to a rumba.

Skelton grabbed Betty Garret and said, "I've always wanted to learn that dance, start teaching!"

She started some basic steps when Ricardo Montalban drifted over and remarked, "More hip action!" Next Cugat stepped down to offer suggestions. Then members of the band chimed in with more advice.

Within 30 minutes a bewildered Skelton is doing the rumba like a Latin-American.

"If I'd had a few more legs, Imight have been able to do all they told me to," he laughs.

Ann Seymour Cast In 'All The Kings Men'

Ann Seymour, New York stage and radio actress, was signed yesterday by oClumbia for the role of Lucy in Robert Rossen's production of "All the King's Men." At the same time Ralph Dumke was named for the part of the politician Tiny Duffy and Walter Berk the part of Willie. Miss Seymour's last stage appearances in New York were in "The Lower Depths" and with Ethel Barrymore in "School for Scandal." She co-starred for four years with Don Ameche on the "Grand Hotel" radio program. She joins a cast which includes Broderick Crawford, Joanne Dru, John Ireland and John Derek.

Fred M. Packard Joins Columbia As Producer

Fred M. Packard has joined Columbia Studios for an indefinite period as a producer. Packard's deal is in addition to the commitment he already has between his own company, Fred M. Packard Productions, and Twentieth Century-Fox which calls for Fox to handle the releasing of his independent company's first announced production, "Quicksand."

Barry Sings First Solo In 'Morning'

HOLLYWOOD — Barry Fitzgerald, who once was a choir boy in his native Dublin, will sing his first screen solo in Paramount's "Top O' The Morning."

Barry will be the, lead-off vocalist in "The Donovans," an extensive song-and-dance routine set against the picture's Irish background. Bing Crosby picks up the old Irish air for another solo and is followed by Ann Blyth warbling the song backed by a musical ensemble. The routine also calls for a group of Irish Dancers.

"The Donovans" is a rousing Irish tune based on the old Irish air, "The Wind That Shakes the Barley." Although Fitzgerald has sung snatches of some tunes in past pictures, such as "Going My Way" and 'Welcome Stranger," this will be his first opportunity as a full-fledged soloist.

3 Important Roles Filled For New Autry Starrer

Columbia yesterday named Nan Leslie for the feminine lead and Alan Hale, Jr., for the part of Gene Autry's friend and romantis rival in "Rim of the Canyon." At the same time Thurston Hall was cast for the role of "Big Tim" Hanlon, bonanza king of the Western town in which the action takes place. This latest in Coulmbia's series of Autry starrers is directed by John English and produced by Armand Schaeffer.

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News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Happy New Year

Arlene Dahl, a bright new candidate for stardom welcomes a Bright New Year. With an unbeatable combination of talent and beauty, the dazzling Dahl is sure, before long, to be added to M-G-M's impressive list of stars. The lovely Arlene is currently to be seen in "A Southern Yankee."

Myron McCormick Wins Key Role In 'Jolson Sings Again'

Myron McCormick, noted Broadway stage, screen and radio actor, has been signed by Columbia for an important supporting role in "Jolson Sings Again," which stars Larry Parks and Barbara Hale. McCormick will portray Col. Bryant, the Army officer who persuades Al Jolson to resume his theatrical career. McCormick, reputed to work on more radio shows than any other actor in New York, recently completed a film role in "Jigsaw," filmed in the East. His previous screen appearances include "China Boy," "Fight for Life," "Winterset" and "One Third of a Nation." He recently finished the Broadway run of "Joy to the World," and his previous stage successes include "State of the Union," and "Soldier's Wife."

Pretty Violinist Makes Film Debut

HOLLYWOOD — A new candidate for stardom was launched at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios when Marcia Van Dyke stepped before the camera for her initial screen role in "The Good Old Summertime."

Miss Van Dyke, who was signed a little more than a year ago, has been through a rigorous course of study in preparation for her bow as an actress. Formerly a violinist with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, the newcomer is scheduled to perform several violin solos in addition to her acting.

"The Good Old Summertime," co-starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson, is directed by Robert Z. Leonard and produced by Joe Pasternak.

Ladd Acclaimed At Command Performance

HOLLYWOOD — Alan Ladd, Paramount star, received a tremendous ovation at the third Royal Command Performance which was a spectacular success at the Empire Theatre in London recently. The Paramount star with his wife, Sue Carol, is currently visiting Paris.

Ladd is being mobbed by fans wherever he goes, a cable to Paramount studio recently reported. Although this is his first trip abroad, he is one of the most popular stars in England and on the Continent.

Billy De Wolfe "stopped the show" with his comic impressions at the Command Performance which netted a record-breaking amount for the British Film Relief Fund.

As soon as Ladd returns to Hollywood he will report to Paramount to prepare for his next starrer, "After Midnight."

Music Turns Actor In Score Of 'Sinner'

HOLLYWOOD — Composer Bronislau Kaper is adopting a unique angle in the score of "The Great Sinner." He is having the music turn actor.

The dramatic intensity of the story will be supplemented through the music which will range from the military Radetzky March through the lightheartedness of Strauss, the romance of Schubert, explosiveness of Wagner, gayety of French can-can melodies.

Publisher Named To Produce Mystery

HOLLYWOOD — As his first Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer assignment, Frank Taylor will produce "Murder at Harvard," exciting mystery based on Harvard University's famous crime clinic.

Taylor was previously associated with Random House and has had a long and distinguished career in the book publishing business.

Leonard Spigelgass is preparing the script after spending considerable time at Harvard, where he attended the entire course conducted by the Department of Legal Medicine, Harvard Medical School.

Informal Beauty

The Candid Cameraman catches Elizabeth Taylor in a few informal moments on the set of "A Date With Judy," M-G M Technicolor musical of youth, music and fun. The beauteous Elizabeth who is currently playing a grown-up role in "Julia Misbehaves," really comes of age in her next, "The Conspirator."

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Sports Editor
Local 12 Recreation Director

The 1948 football season is practically ended — with the exception of the bowl classics. All over these United States "bowl" games will be played to determine the supremacy of teams for states, conferences, leagues, and districts. From coast to coast, and from the rock bound coast of Maine to the sunny climes of Florida, bowl games will be the "order of the day."

Birdie Rule

Here are a few predictions of the outcome of some bowl games to be played on New Year's Day and I hope that they meet with your approval:

Cigar Bowl, Tampa, Fla.—St. Thomas to beat Missouri Valley.

Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Texas — Southern Methodist over Oregon.

'Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla, — Missouri over Clemson.

Harbor Bowl, San Diego, Cal.—Villanova over Nevada.

Ice Bowl, Fairbanks, Alaska — Alaska U. over Ladd Field.

Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla. — Georgia over Texas U.

Pineapple Bowl, Honolulu — Oregon State over Hawaii U.

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Cal. — Northwestern to defeat Cal.

Salad Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz. — Ariz. favored over Drake.

Sugar Bowl, New Arleans — North Carolina over Oklahoma.

Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas — West Virginia over Texas Mines.

Shrine Game, San Francisco — The West over the East.

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It seems as though it requires a degree of some kind to keep up to date with the modern football terms. The ordinary football fan used to know most of the phrases which described different plays.

Today it takes a vocabulary of many words to express one's thoughts about the game. A student of the game used such common terms as "split-buck," "deep reverse," and "flanker-wide." But nowadays the up-to-date fan will refer to the "over-shifted six man lines," and the (believe it or not, "super-over-shifted six man lines."

Then there are some of the better slingers of slang who will mention the "looping lines" and the "straight-line defense." To recall a few more, there are the "button-hook pass," "jump pass," "screen pass," "spray pass," and the "flood pass." To top it all off, there is the "swerve pass." But most people do not know just what that is, and neither do many of the coaches.

To some of us who have an ordinary football vocabulary, it is most befuddlesome.

Toledo Fight Fans Get Shows Here

Two good professional fight shows are planned for the boxing fans of Toledo during the next two weeks. These two outstanding boxing events will be held at the Sports Arena and at the Civic Auditorium.

On Monday, January 10, Pat Thurkettle will bring together The Alabama Kid, clever heavyweight from Columbus, and Bob Satterfield, explosive young professional battler who took everything in the Golden Gloves a few years ago in Chicago. There will be 32 rounds of fistic entertainment on the show.

On the following Monday, January 17, Sid Goldberg, matchmaker for the Star Boxing Club, will bring Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, to Toledo where he will appear in an exhibition bout with young Art Swiden at the Civic Auditorium.

Matchmaker Goldberg is of the opinion that the fans are clamoring to see the world's champion, but they also want an action-filled supporting card, so he is dickering with several top-notch fighters for appearance on his show.

The remainder of the Star Boxing Club program will be announced next week and tickets will go on sale at the usual downtown agencies at popular prices.

What was highest score made in East-West Shrine game?
East scored 40, '48.

Local 12 Cage Season Begins Monday

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Rock, Matuszynski In 600 Class Bowling

Binghams, Burke's In Lead

George Rock's 612 three series was top total among the Local 12 keglers this week. Rolling with the Burke for Congress team in the Monday loop at the Bowl-O-Drome he fashioned games of 188-211 and 213 to help his team win two games from Standard Commutator to stay in the lead in this eight team circuit. Les Goodell had best total for the Commutators.

Auto-Lite, paced by Val Pawlowski's 593 effort made it three over Toledo Pipe Threading, gaining a game on the leaders. Helping Val place them to the wins and one game behind the Burke team for the league lead was Bill Cabanski. Mel Stelmaszak was top bowler for the Threaders.

The third place PAC team made it a clean sweep over Commercial Metal with Leo Florkowski setting the pace on a series of 540 and helped by Paul McLellan with 530.

Fourth place DeVilbiss kept up hopes to gain in the standings by taking three from Air-Way as Hank Laurich and Frank Pieper came up with creditable scores. Pete Bronkie had best series for the Air Way team.

The Tuesday loop at the Marathon had league leading Bingham Stamping winning two games from PAC. Ed Machcinski did the damage with a 587 and teammate Jake Wisniewski was up with a 566. Duke Sitter contributed 575 and Tony Kosnek a 572 for the PAC team, last year's champions.

Congressman Burke's team won two games to keep pace with the leaders in this 12 team circuit by downing DeVilbiss two games as Al Bikowski hit 554 and Walt Bishop 510 for the Burke's. Ed Niedbalski's 548 and Paul Loehrkes 514 was tops for the DeVilbiss bunch.

Willys Unit hit a win stride in taking the measure of Toledo Steel Tube for three games. Rip Tinta missed the 600 series by five pins to pace the Willys team. Ray Matuszynski hit a rousing 604 series but lacking help to salvage a game from the Jeep bowlers.

Swartzbaugh No. 1 chalked up two games from Toledo Pressed Steel as Bill Borden, chairman of the Swartzbaugh Unit proved to be capable on the lanes too, pacing his bowlers with a 547 series. Len Duszynski had top total for the Steel team.

The No. 2 Swartzbaugh team fared better than their shop rivals by winning three from Toledo Stamping. Bob Pohlman and Butch Goscik were high for the winners each having hit 518.

Willys Body Shop won two from Toledo Steel Tubes with Jerry Klostermeire having high total for the Willys team with 513. Tube's Bud Young topped both teams on total having hit a 531 series.

Next week the Journal will publish complete standings and high team and individual series' of the four Local 12 leagues.

Sparks Of Champions

The five bowlerettes, members of the Local 12 league rolling on Wednesday nights at the Bowl-O-Drome loop, really live up to their title as "Champs". They represent the Champion Spark Plug Unit of Local 12 UAW-CIO and identified as the Champion Sparks extended their victory string to 14 straight wins in attaining the loop lead in the eight team Women's league practically have the top stop cinched. Left to right the bowlerettes are Myrtle Hein, Helen Ball, Irene Sobczak, Betty Lucas and Marcella Cooper.

Local 12 Football Team Invited To Int'l League

Team's Fame Spreads In Area

The popularity of the Local 12 semi-pro heavyweight football team has spread throughout Ohio and Michigan to the extent that the classy UAW gridiron machine has been invited to enter a fast International semi-pro league which will include teams from Canada and Michigan.

Teams already entered in the fast circuit are Bay City, Saginaw, Jackson, Flint, Pontiac, Detroit, and Windsor, Canada. It is planned to have a ten team loop with each team playing five home games and a like number of contests on the road.

An important meeting will be held next week in Detroit to form committees and draft rules and regulations for the league. A representative of the Local 12 Recreation Department will attend the meeting and make a report back to the Local 12 membership.

Because of the fine record of the Local 12 team during the past season, the fame of the UAW outfit has spread and several good semi-pro teams are seeking game for the 1949 schedule.

Many former high school, semi-pro and college stars are included in the Local 12 team which was ably coached during the 1948 season by Bing Crosby and Vic Irvine. All of the players on the 1948 squad have signified their intentions of returning next season to play for Local 12.

Picking a Duck Clean

Here's an easy way to rid a duck completely of its' feathers and down. While pulling out the large feathers, heat a large pan of water to just below the boiling point. When you have dry-picked the bird as thoroughly as possible, soak it in the water for 2 or 3 minutes, then wrap it in newspaper and let it cool for another 15. When you remove the newspaper you'll find that the down and small feathers will rub off with a few strokes of your hand, leaving the duck completely clean, and ready for the pot.

Michigan Fur Season Ends

LANSING, Dec. 31—The season's fur trapping ended December 31 except for the January take of badgers and skunks and, in the Lake Erie marshes, some muskrat and mink trapping.

The Michigan conservation department is reminding newcomers to the trapping business of the necessity of reporting their furs on hand.

Furs on hand must be reported within five days after the end of the respective open seasons in which they were taken. Permits may be obtained from the local conservation officer, and once permits are issued the furs may be held indefinitely.

By how many games did Wash (A) win the American League pennant in '25?
8½ games

Who was top Big 9 hoop scorer '47-'48?
Murray Wier, Iowa, 399 points

STOPS ARMY

Columbia has defeated Army four times in football. The first defeat at the hands of the Columbia Lions came in 1899. The others followed in 1925, '38, and '47.

All Scheduled Games At Robinson Jr. High School

The lid comes off the Local 12 Basketball League schedule Monday night, in the two gymnasiums at Robinson Junior High School. Twelve teams comprising the American and National Divisions of the League, will take the floor in their quest for the championship of their respective Divisions.

A Round Robin tournament will be held at the end of the regular schedule to determine the ultimate winner of the League championship race. Teams of both divisions will compete in this tournament.

Three games will be held every Monday night on each of the two basketball courts at Robinson Junior High School, located at Grand and Waite Avenues. The contests will begin on the hour, beginning at 7 p. m., and there will be no admission charged at any of the games.

Ed Cury, who has been appointed manager of the Local Basketball League for the second consecutive season, reports that everything is in readiness for the complete schedule of games for the season.

The seven teams entered in the American Division of the League are the Martin-Parry Unit, Surface Combustion, Unitcast Corporation, Industrial Heat Treat, Toledo Joint Council, American Floor Surfacing Unit, and the Plaskon Division Unit.

In the National Division of the League are the Willys-Overland Unit, Spicer Mfg. Unit, Auto-Lite Unit, Schultz Die Casting, National Supply, and the Toledo Scales.

What nationality is Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh (N)?
Dutch-Scotch-Irish.

How many Detroit (N) players made '47-'48 NHL All-Star team?
3. Ted Lindsay, Jack Stewart and Bill Quackenbusch.

Leahy's all-time coaching record, including two seasons at Boston College where he won 20 of 22, reveals 70 victories, five defeats and five ties. This is a winning percentage of .933.

Arena Schedules Sports Events

The Toledo Sports Arena will start off the new year with a huge parade of stellar attractions both in sports and entertainment, according to Jack Dent, general manager of the million dollar Sports Arena.

Coach Andy Mulligan's Toledo Mercurys, who are defending the national amateur hockey title, will open the new year with a game at 8:30 o'clock New Year's Day against the Ryancretes from Windsor. With the hockey race tightening up and the Mercurys in the thick of the battle for first place, every hockey game from here on in will be all-important for the Mercurys.

Two other important Saturday night hockey games also are slated for the Sports Arena. The Mercurys will meet the Louisville Blades Saturday night, January 8, and the Milwaukee Clarks Saturday night, January 15.

The third annual Grotto Circus, which is hailed as the world's greatest indoor circus, is scheduled for the Sports Arena from Sunday, January 16, thru Saturday, January 22.

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — In his six-year tenure as head football coach at Notre Dame, Coach Frank Leahy has compiled a phenomenal winning percentage of .943. Beginning in 1941 with an unbeaten team, Leahy has coached his Irish to 50 victories, three losses and five ties. He served in the Navy during the 1944 and 1945 seasons. The Irish mentor has directed three consecutive national championship elevens (1943-46-47). He has coached four undefeated teams (1941-46-47-48).

Sports Arena

COMING EVENTS

Fri., Dec. 31 — Grand Old Opry, 8:30 P. M.
Sat., Jan. 1—Hockey, Windsor Ryancretes vs Mercury's, 8:30 P. M.
Sun., Jan. 2—Public Ice Skating, Mat., 3:30-5:30, Eve. 8:15-10:45.
Mon., Jan. 3—Public Ice Skating, Eve. 8:15-10:45.
Tues., Jan. 4 — Public Ice Skating, Eve. 8:15-10:45.
Wed., Jan. 5—Hockey, Jerry Lynch vs Mercury's, 8:30 P. M.
Thurs., Jan. 6 — Wrestling, 8:30 P. M.
Fri., Jan. 7—Hi-School Basketball, Central vs Scott, 8:30 P. M.
Coming—Grotto Circus, Jan. 16 Thru 22. Tickets at Sports Arena and B. R. Baker.

LOCAL 12 BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 3—GAMES AT ROBINSON JR.,

HIGH SCHOOL
AMERICAN DIVISION (Girls' Gymnasium)

7:00 P. M.—Plaskon Division vs. American Floor Surfacing
8:00 P. M.—Toledo Joint Council vs. Unitcast Corp.
9:00 P. M.—Industrial Heat Treat vs. Surface Combustion
Martin-Parry draws a bye

NATIONAL DIVISION (Boys' Gymnasium)

7:00 P. M.—Toledo Scales vs. Spicer Unit
8:00 P. M.—Willys-Overland Unit vs. Schultz Die Casting
9:00 P. M.—National Supply vs. Auto-Lite Unit

MONDAY, JANUARY 10—GAMES AT ROBINSON JR.,

HIGH SCHOOL
AMERICAN DIVISION (Girls' Gymnasium)

7:00 P. M.—Martin-Parry Unit vs. Unitcast Corp.
8:00 P. M.—American Floor vs. Industrial Heat Treat
9:00 P. M.—Plaskon Division vs. Toledo Joint Council
Surface Combustion draws a bye

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